



Map and Graph Skills Activity

Reading a Circle Graph

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY STANDARDS 1 AND 10: The geographically informed person knows how to use geographic representations and understands the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of Earth's cultural mosaics.



Learning the Skill

In a circle graph (often called a pie chart), the complete circle represents a whole group—or 100 percent. The circle is divided into sections that represent parts of the whole. To read a circle graph, follow these steps:

- Read the title to find out what the subject is.
- Study the labels or key to determine what the parts represent.
- Compare the parts to draw conclusions about the subject.

Applying the Skill

Directions: The circle graph below shows the breakdown of ethnic groups in the United States. Study the graph and use it to answer the questions on the next page.

Ethnic Groups in the United States

